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For: HOLDER FOR ASSISTING IN HOLDING )  
PAINT CONTAINER )

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 15, and 18.

Please substitute amended claims 1, 12 through 14, 22, and 23 as follows for the pending claims with the same number:

1. (AMENDED) A holder for assisting in holding a paint container, comprising:  
a cylindrical sleeve adapted to receive a thumb of a hand and having a longitudinal axis; and

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: (37 C.F.R. 1.8) I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 13, 2003, by Daniel H. Bliss